

# The Cromwell Argus

AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

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## Cromwell Advertisements



### DAVID A. JOLLY & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL FAMILY GROCERS, AND WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes  
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality  
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands  
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf  
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme  
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces  
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality  
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's  
Twist, Old Sport, and romantic  
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene  
Candles of the best brands  
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in  
bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.  
Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff

SPRITS.  
Islay Whisky—Arleg's and Long Jones'  
Hennessy's and Martell's Brandy, in bulk  
and case  
J. D. K. Z. Geneva  
Burnett's Old Tom  
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk  
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's

CORDIALS.  
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint,  
Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.  
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

## WAKATIP BREWERY.

### MESSRS SURMAN AND DAVIS beg to inform the Public of Cromwell and the surrounding districts that, in order to meet the constantly increasing demand for their ALES,

they have appointed Messrs D. A. JOLLY & Co.  
their AGENTS IN CROMWELL.

Messrs D. A. JOLLY and Co. will from this  
date be in a position to supply Wakatip Ale (of  
prime quality) in bulk or bottle, at prices that  
will defy competition.

Ale or Porter, 12s per doz.

Queenstown, October 30, 1871.

### DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.,

HAVING RECEIVED A NEW AND SELECT  
ASSORTMENT OF

### IRONMONGERY,

Beg to call public attention to the following:—

Blasting  
Powder and  
Fuse; Long and  
Short handle Shovels;  
Picks, Pick Handles, and  
Sluice Forks; Pannikins, Gold  
Dishes, Billies; Galvanised Iron  
Buckets; American Tubs, Buckets, and  
Brooms; Axes and Handles; Manila Rope  
for mining purposes; Drilling Hammers and  
Washers—White Lead; Castor Oil in bulk;  
Washing-boards; Brushware of every  
description; Nails; Canvas; Hose  
Pipes.—Contracts undertaken  
for supplying Mining Co.'s  
with Material of all  
kinds, on liberal  
terms. Free  
delivery

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.'s  
DEPOT FOR MINING TOOLS,  
CROMWELL.

## Cromwell Advertisement

### I. HALLENSTEIN and Co.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

CROMWELL, QUEENSTOWN, ARROWTOWN, & MELBOURNE.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants generally to our Large Stock, as enumerated in this advertisement. It does not detail all the articles we keep, for to do so would be almost impossible. We have endeavoured to enumerate all the principal articles of each class; but every want necessary in a Mining, Agricultural, and Pastoral community can be supplied.

All our purchases being for cash, we thus possess an advantage that few are able to avail themselves of.

We therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage hitherto bestowed, with the conviction that all orders entrusted to our care will be promptly executed, and the articles found to be of good value.

**Drapery.**—The attention of Ladies is respectfully directed to this Department. It will be found replete with all the latest novelties from the Melbourne markets, and arrangements have been made for regular shipments per each steamer.

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpaca, challies, mohairs, wineys, muslins, prints, coburgs  
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, shirtings, jackets, &c.  
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trimmings of all kinds

Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our stock will be found the largest and best-assorted on the Gold-fields

Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and untrimmed

Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c

A large assortment of white and coloured flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and sheetings; and every other article required in the trade.

**Slop Department.**—Men's Suits, Paget and sac; boys' ditto, Leopold, Stanley, sac, and knickerbocker; Trousers and vests, all kinds

Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed, cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin

Shirts—white dress, regatta, Criméan, serge, Scotch twill, tweed, and jain  
Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool, serge, merino, and cotton  
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds

Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched, felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes

Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings and sou'-westers; monkey jackets and pilot coats

All the above Goods are to our special order.

**Boots and Shoes.**—A splendid assortment, consisting of:

Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid, cashmere, morocco, and leather

Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet

Men's and boys' boots—elastic-side, Balmoral, Blucher, Wellington, half-Wellington, and riding boots; Colonial water-tights, made to our order in Melbourne

Gum boots—Hayward's North British and Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

**Carpets.**—In tapestry, felt, all-wool kidderminster, drugget; hearth-rugs.

**Matting.**—China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

**Ironmongery.** Mining Tools, and Agricultural Implements.—Anvils, axes, augers, adzes, balances, bells, bags, blacking, brushes (all kinds), baking-dishes, billies, braces and bits, black-lead, bellows, boilers, bedsteads, bolts, blocks, candlesticks, chains (various), candle-moulds, calenders, compasses, chisels, coal-scuttles, scoop and vase; corkscrews, coffin furniture, cash-boxes, door-scrapers, drippers, egg-whisks, slice and cups; fuse, frying-pans, funnels, files, fenders and fire-irons, fish-hooks, gimblets, grindstones, graters, glue, gridirons, gold-blowers, dishes and sieves, grates, gads, guns, glue-pots, hammers (all kinds), hoes, jelly-moulds, knives, a large assortment; knives and forks, knife-boards, kettles, lanterns, locks, ladles, milk dishes, cans, strainers, sieves, and yokes; measuring tapes, mops, mallets, nails of every kind, pitch, picks, pumps, powder, pincers, piping, ploughs, quoits, quicksilver, rules, rope, resin, rivets, rasps, rakes, ship scrapers, sickles and bats, slop-pails, saws of all kinds, sieves, seaming twine, sponges, scoops, sheep-shears, saucepans, shovels and spades, spirit-levels, soldering-irons, solder, spokeshaves, shot, steel yards, scales, screws, staples, stewpans, teapots, trowels, tar, tacks, tubs, tuc-irons, vices, waiters, washing boards and powder, window furniture of all kinds, writing cases, zinc, &c., &c.

**Timber and Building Materials.**—Shelving, 12 and 14 inches wide; T. and G. lumber  
T. and G. Scotch flooring, 4, 4, 4, 1, 1, 1 inch; beaded and plain match lining  
Quartering, American hardwood, 3 x 1, 3 x 1, 3 x 2, 4 x 3, 4 x 6; mouldings, various sizes  
Galvanised and painted iron, all sizes; rolled zinc, spouting, brackets, down-piping heads  
Screws, nails, locks, hinges, and bolts; doors, glass, raised panel, and plain sashes, all sizes.

**Paints, Paperhangings, Oils.**—Paints of all kinds; white and red lead; black, green, blue, umbre, ochre, &c.; Oils—raw, boiled, colza, olive, turpentine, &c.; oak and copal varnish, asphaltum, oak-stain, knotting

Paperhangings—A large assortment of drawing-room, sitting-room, bed-room, hall, passage, and ceiling, various; borderings, all kinds.

**Tinware** of every description, a large assortment, all kinds.

**Kitchen Utensils.**—Stoves, boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.

**Crockery.**—A large and well-assorted department.

**Lamps, Glassware, Kerosene, Lampware.**—large assortment.

**Furniture, Bedding, &c.**—Bedsteads: an assortment of French and stump double, single, and children's bedsteads and cots

Chairs: Ladies, Florence, Lincoln, Fillmore, dining, American wood, spring hair, rocking; easy-chairs, in hair, cane, and wood

Commodore, cheffoniers, children's high and low chairs, cane and wood; chests of drawers

Tables: round and square, dining, low, and dressing, various

Washstands, in cedar and walnut; towel-horses, mahogany, cedar, turned and plain

Sofas, a large assortment, colonial made, with or without backs, pillows, and cushions

Mattresses: feather, hair, flock, fibre, any size; pillows and bolsters, do. do. do.

**Leather.**—Crops, kip, calf, kangaroo, &c., from the Tannery of Michaelis, Hallenstein, and Co

**Grindery.**—A large assortment.

**Tobacco and Cigars.**—Being direct importers of these goods, buyers can always depend on getting a first-class article.

Tobacco: fancy and aromatic, silver coil, Atlantic cable, old sport, navy, fives, sixes, tens, imperial ruby, gold bar; dark aromatic—tens, bashful lover, little sunshade, monster; Barrett's twist and cut tobaccos; snuff

Cigars: Trabucos, Havana, Princess, and Swiss.

**Stationery and Books.**—Account-books, all sizes and bindings; minute-books, bill-files, blotting-paper, memo. books, copying letter-books, copy and exercise books, date-cases, envelopes, all kinds and sizes; elastic bands, foolscap (plain and ruled), gum mangle, ink of all kinds; inkstands, a large variety; letter balances, clips, and files; pass-books  
Note and letter paper, white, blue, and mourning; pens of all kinds, pencils, playing-cards, pocket-books, purses, slates, albums, rulers, sealing-wax, tissue-paper, all colours; desks  
Books: an assortment of family and pocket Bibles, church services, and prayer-books  
Poetical Works of Byron, Moore, Scott, Burns, Milton, Cowper, Cook, Campbell, Longfellow.  
Gift books; dictionaries—French, Latin, German, and English; geographies, arithmetics.

**Fancy Goods.**—A large, choice, and varied assortment.

**Patent Medicines.**—Large assortment; also, a variety of Horse Medicines.

**Perfumery.**—"from every flower that breathes a fragrance."

**Saddlery.**—This department will be found very complete, as all goods are manufactured expressly for us by Alston, of Melbourne.

Bridles, with or without bits; a large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's, double and single rein, Pelham and snaffle; all prices.

Curry-combs and brushes of all kinds; halters; hobbles, various.

Saddles, ladies' and gentlemen's: demy, stock, green hide, and all over hogskin; various prices.

Saddle-cloths, kersey, felt; saddle-girths, leather, web; saddle straps, spurs of all kinds; valises, martingales and breastplates, various; stirrup leathers, ladies' slippers and stirrup leathers, cruppers, bits, burnisters, headstalls, ladies' worked saddle-cloths.

Spring cart harness complete, dray harness complete, leading sets complete.

Pack saddles, straps, needles, buckles, hemp knives.

Whips, a large variety: lay whips, silver mounted, green hide; ladies' twigs, various kinds; buggy whips, cart whips, all sizes; stockwhips and handles, thongs of all kinds.

**Produce.**—Agents for Robertson and Hallenstein, Brunswick Flour Mills, Lake Wakatip.—We have for sale their silk-dressed Flour, (equal to Adelaide); pollard, bran, oats, wheat, barley, chaff. Garden seeds in great variety.

**Sundries.**—Tents, tarpaulins, Manila rope, hose canvas, horse-covers, wheelbarrows, horse-directors, brushware, camp and colonial ovens, candles, lime, &c. &c. &c.

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SHAMROCK STORE,  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION  
MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of  
WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district  
free of charge.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY  
J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,  
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread  
regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

## VICTORIA STORE, CROMWELL.

I. WRIGHT,  
FAMILY GROCER.

Crockery, Glassware, Musical Instruments,  
Brushware, Stationery, Patent Medicines  
Fancy Goods and Toys of every description  
Paperhangings, Glass, Oils, Colours,  
Paint, Varnish, Glue, Cue Tips, &c.  
Thompson's Cement for Cue Tips  
English & Colonial Newspapers  
and Magazines | Oats & Chaff.

## CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD

LATE MR GRANT'S

NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material  
suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the LOWEST  
PRICES compatible with Good Material and  
Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may  
be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings  
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs  
Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.  
Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners'  
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope,  
SADDLERY, &c., cheap. 25

## Cromwell Veterinary Shoeing Forge

Next door to Kidd's Cromwell Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,  
(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),  
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, AND  
MACHINIST,

Begs to intimate to his customers and the general public that he has REMOVED to his NEW PREMISES, next to the Cromwell Hotel, Melmore Terrace, where he will carry on every description of Blacksmith work and Farriery as heretofore.

E. LINDSAY begs to intimate to the Public generally that he has gone to the expense of getting a CASE-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS on a new principle, being the first introduced up-country, which he will guarantee to give general satisfaction; also, that he has made a reduction in the price of Horse-shoeing.

LIGHT SHOES . . . 10s.  
DRAUGHT " . . . 16s.

EDWARD LINDSAY,  
Veterinary Shoeing Forge.

## Cromwell

LADIES' SEMINARY,  
Enniscort-street.

## MRS WILKINSON,

Having opened the above-mentioned Establishment, trusts that by perseverance, and strict attention to her pupils, she may merit continued patronage.

The Course of Study comprises Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Plain and Ornamental Needlework; with oral lessons on the Globes, Geography, Grammar, and History. Accomplishments: Music, French, and Drawing.

BOARDERS TAKEN ON MODERATE TERMS.



CROMWELL.

FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,  
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

\* Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3½d per lb.

CROMWELL BUTCHERY  
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL).

OWEN PIERCE - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Meat of all descriptions always on hand, and sold at the Lowest Prices.

Important to Hotelkeepers.

C. NELSON & CO. beg to intimate to the public of Cromwell and its environs that they have commenced business as Manufacturers of LEMONADE and GINGERBEER, in the new building in Inniscort-street, at the rear of Mr Barry's residence.

A SODA-WATER MACHINE will shortly arrive from Dunedin, when C. N. & Co. will be in a position to execute orders in this particular line.

Orders promptly attended to, and Goods delivered in all parts of the district.

C. NELSON & CO.

F. SANSON, SADDLER  
AND  
HARNESS-MAKER.

Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

WILLIAM BARNES, JUNR.,  
FARRIER AND BLACKSMITH,  
(Opposite Smitham's Kawarau Hotel).

WILLIAM BARNES, Junr., desires to announce to the inhabitants of Cromwell and the surrounding District that he has commenced business as a

BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,  
in New Premises,  
situated opposite Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

His long practical experience in all branches of the Business, combined with MODERATE CHARGES, will, he trusts, secure to him a fair share of public patronage.

Every Branch of the Business attended to.

BARNES'S  
VETERINARY SHOEING FORGE,  
CROMWELL.

## NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS is laid on ARDGOUR STATION. ALEX. McLEAN,  
Manager.

## NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date. I. LOUGHAN.

Mount Pisa, May 12th 1870.—271c

## Cromwell

KAWARAU HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,  
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

JUNCTION COMMERCIAL HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

JOSEPH HARDING begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr G. W. GOODGER the above large and centrally-situated Hotel, and is now in a position to offer accommodation of a superior description to all who may favor him with their patronage.

His past experience in the WINE and SHIRAZ trade, will he trusts, be a sufficient guarantee that the Spirits and Malt Liquors served will be as pure as on the day they left the vintery or the distillery.

The BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., are fitted up in the best style, and every attention will be paid to secure the comfort and convenience of visitors.

Large and Comfortable

BILLIARD ROOM,  
Fitted with one of Alcock's Tables.

Particular attention has been paid to the STABLES  
In connection with the Hotel, and the public may rely on  
Every Care being taken of their HORSES.

MEALS ready at ALL HOURS of the day.

J. HARDING.

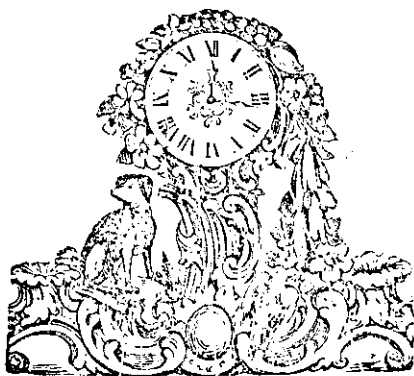
## DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,  
CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.



P. SMITH,

WATCH AND CLOCK MAKER,  
CROMWELL.

(Adjoining Lindsay's Blacksmith's Shop).

EDWARD MURRELL,  
CHRONOMETER,  
WATCH, AND CLOCK MAKER

FROM  
Mr J. H. SLOPES, Prices-st., Dunedin,  
Begs respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Cromwell and the surrounding districts that he has commenced business in the above line in all its branches, and hopes by strict attention to business, and punctuality, to receive a share of public patronage.  
All work guaranteed for twelve months.  
Lowest possible charges consistent with good Workmanship.  
All kinds of Watches, Clocks, and Musical Boxes cleaned and repaired.—Jewellery made and repaired.—Pipes mounted.  
Just Received, Consignment of First-class Watches, Clocks and Jewellery.

Observe the address:—Adjoining MARSH'S DUNEDIN HOTEL.

MR H. W. SMYTHIES,  
MINING SURVEYOR AND AGENT.

Legal Managership & REGISTRATION  
of Companies undertaken.

Office: Town Hall, Cromwell.

## Cromwell

## NOTICE.

## COALS! COALS!! COALS!!!

The Cromwell Coal Works will in future be carried on by NICHOLAS & MARTIN, who have much pleasure in calling the attention of the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District to their new Seam of Coal, which is far superior to any hitherto obtained in the same Works, or in any other portion of the district. They therefore respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed, with the conviction that that patronage will be deserved.

All orders entrusted to us will be attended to at once, and on the shortest notice, as we intend to keep a good supply of coals at the Pit-mouth. Coals delivered anywhere, either in or out of the district; and lowest cartage prices charged.

20s. per ton at the Works.

32s. „ „ delivered.

We also wish to inform our constituents that an early settlement of all accounts due to us is highly desirable.

Note the address:

NICHOLAS AND MARTIN,  
Coal Works, Cromwell.

## KARL PRETSCH,

COACH & GENERAL PAINTER,  
etc.,

Has now PAPERHANGINGS, PAINTS of every description, GLASS, and MOULDINGS, on Sale at Low Prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

Buggies and Vehicles of every description painted in the best style.

Colours Prepared in any Shade required

Address: Next door but one to MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JUNCTION BAKERY,  
CROMWELL.

C. W. WRIGHT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER.  
Bread Delivered in all Parts of the District.

JUST ARRIVED,—A Large Lot of PAPERHANGINGS and FURNITURE; CHEFFONIERS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

JAMES TAYLOR,  
Cromwell Timber Yard.

JOHN E. BEATTIE, having been appointed  
RANGER OF MOUNT PISA STATION,  
Is prepared to  
YARD HORSES AND CATTLE  
On the shortest notice.

Terms moderate.

A. W. ALLANBY,

BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR,  
CROMWELL.

THOMAS FOOTE,

TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,  
MELMORE TERRACE,  
CROMWELL.

Ladies' Riding Habits made to order.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH,

SHAREBROKER, COMMISSION AGENT,  
ARBITRATOR, AND ACCOUNTANT,  
CROMWELL.

Having arranged to devote my time exclusively to these occupations, business entrusted to my care will receive every attention.

WILLIAM MACNAB,  
ACCOUNTANT  
AND  
COMMISSION AGENT.

The Registration and Legal Managership of Mining Companies undertaken.

## Bannockburn

STUART'S FERRY,  
KAWARAU RIVER.

Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggon, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

## THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,  
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,  
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retained at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

The new Ferry being now OPEN FOR TRAFFIC the Public are invited to cross the Kawarau River on the

BEST PUNT IN THE PROVINCE  
which is on the direct road to Bannockburn, the Nevis, and the Carrick Range Reefs.

John Richards - Proprietor.

BANNOCKBURN TIMBER YARD  
AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,  
Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet increasing requirements of those districts, has opened a Branch Establishment at DOUGLAS FLAT, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

BANNOCKBURN COAL MERCHANTS,

LOGAN & SCOTT,  
COAL MERCHANTS,

Having obtained a lease of the above well-known Coal Works, beg to inform the residents at Bannockburn, Carrick Range, Dunig, Kawarau Gorge, and throughout the district, that they are prepared to SUPPLY (in any quantity) COAL of excellent quality at 15s. per ton taken from the pit's mouth, or, delivered, 1s 9d per bag and upward according to distance.

N.B.—Drays leave the Bannockburn and Cromwell twice a week. Loading carried back on reasonable terms.

ALL NATIONS HOTEL,  
CARRICKTON.

J. ALLEY begs to inform the inhabitants of the Carrick Range and Bannockburn districts that the above hotel is now completed, and that he will be happy to receive a visit from his numerous friends and acquaintances.

First-class Accommodation for Visitors.

Wines, Spirits, and Beers of the best quality.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.  
(Late of Logantown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS,  
Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that they have removed to QUARTZVILLE, next to HAZLETT'S Carrick Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict attention to business, and reasonable charges, to merit a share of their patronage.

E. H. A. R. D. I. N.  
(formerly Cook at the Commercial Hotel, Cromwell.)

Begs to inform visitors to Carrickton that he has taken the Restaurant in connection with the Reefers' Arms Hotel, where they may rely on getting a GOOD LUNCHEON at any hour of the day.

There is a first-class four-stalled STABLE attached to the Hotel.

## Bannockburn

**CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,**  
QUARTZVILLE,  
(In the immediate vicinity of the Carrick Reefs.)

THOMAS HAZLETT - Proprietor.

Having purchased from Mr JOHN M'CORMICK the above well-known and centrally-situated Hotel, I am now in a position to offer first-class accommodation to all who may favour me with their patronage.

The Premises are fitted up and furnished on the most complete scale, regardless of expense, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors and travellers are second to none in the district.

COMMODIOUS BILLIARD ROOM,  
fitted with one of Julius Paser's full-sized tables

An excellent SIX-STALLED STABLE on the premises, and a careful groom always in attendance.

T. HAZLETT.

## Kawarau Gorge

## NOTICE.

ROBERT INGLIS begs to inform the inhabitants of Cromwell and surrounding districts that he has commenced business as a BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR.

All kinds of building completed with permanency and despatch. Plans, Specifications, and Estimates prepared for any design, at moderate charges.

In connection with the above, we are prepared to deliver to any part of the district LIME of Superior Quality, BRICKS in any quantity, and COAL, unequalled in any part of the district. By the supply of a good article combined with moderate prices, we hope to earn a share of public patronage and support.

INGLIS &amp; BINGE.

Orders addressed to Robert Inglis, or Charles Binge, Kawarau Gorge, will receive prompt attention.

A dray visits Cromwell daily. Back loading taken at moderate rates.

Gorge, 1st February. 1872.

## Bendigo

**JOSIAH MITCHINSON,**  
Wholesale and Retail  
STOREKEEPER,  
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,WAKEFIELD STORE,  
(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),  
BENDIGO.GOODS DELIVERED  
At all parts of the Reefs.

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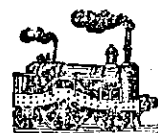
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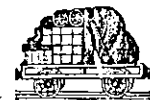
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**WILLIAM MACNAB,**  
Secretary.

**IN BANKRUPTCY.**  
ESTATE of WILLIAM SHANLY,  
Of Cromwell.

NOTICE is hereby given, that RICHARD HENRY LEARY, the Provisional Trustee in Bankruptcy, has been appointed to REALISE this Estate as Agent for the undersigned.  
All Accounts due to the said Estate must be paid only to him or a person authorised by him.

(Signed) **JAMES T. MACKERRAS,**  
**W. STAVELY,**  
Trustees of the said Estate.

**ESTATE OF WILLIAM SHANLY**  
Of Cromwell.

All ACCOUNTS due to the above Estate MUST BE PAID FORTHWITH, or legal proceedings will be taken for recovery of the same without delay.

Mr CHARLES JOHNSON is authorised to COLLECT the accounts and give receipts in the name of the Trustees.

**RICHARD H. LEARY,**  
Provisional Trustee in Bankruptcy,  
Agent for the Trustees.  
Cromwell, 20th May, 1872.

**New Advertisements.**

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**TOWN OF CROMWELL.**  
CITIZEN'S ROLL, year 1872-3.

Ratepayers are reminded of the necessity for their making immediate payment of the Town Rates for the year 1872.

Failing payment on or before the 15th June, ratepayers then in default will, as by law required, be excluded from the Roll.

**M. FRAER, Cr.,**  
Acting Town Clerk.

**CROMWELL CEMETERY.**  
WANTED, Applicants for the office of SEX-TON, by 3rd JUNE.

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**CHAS. COLCLOUGH,**  
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**A MEETING** of the Shareholders in the UNITED BANNOCKBURN COM-PANY will be held at Richards's Hotel on FRIDAY EVENING, May 31, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of winding up the Company, and selling the Tools, Material, &c., on the claim.

By order of the MANAGING COMMITTEE.

**A MEETING** of the POPULAR EN-TERTAINMENT COMMITTEE will be held TO-NIGHT, in the Town Hall, at Eight o'clock.

**JOHN MARSH, Sec.**

**BIRTH.**

On the 24th May, near Bannockburn, Mrs M'CORMICK, of a daughter.

**MARRIAGE.**  
On Thursday, May 23, by the Rev. B. Drake, Mr GEORGE MAXSON, late of Christiansen, Nor-way, to EMILY, daughter of Mr A. Chalwick, of Bannockburn.

**Cromwell Argus,**  
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS GAZETTE.

**CROMWELL: TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1872.**

A correspondent at Alexandra, writing on the 26th inst., furnishes the following items:—The Anniversary Ball of Court Priole of Alex-andra, A.O.F., came off on the evening of the 24th. Although the stormy weather prevented a number from being present, there was a good attendance of both ladies and gentlemen, and a very pleasant evening was spent. I may state that the funds of the Court are in a flourishing condition.—The body of a man was found in the Polynesian River yesterday (25th) by the men employed on the Gabeca dredge. The body had evidently been in the river some time, as with the exception of the boots, it was destitute of clothing. There is every reason to believe that this is the body of the late Joseph Edmondson, well-known as "Mogana Joe" who was drowned at the mouth of the Haven on the 13th of last month. An inquest will be held to-mor-row (Monday).—[We learn by telegram to-day that at the inquest the body was identified as that of Joseph Edmondson, and that an open verdict of "Found Drowned" was returned.]

We have nothing of any particular inter-est to record from the Carrick reefs this week. The only washing up since our last issue has been that of the Star of the East's crushing the Elizabeth's battery; when, from 157 tons of stone, about 128 ozs. of gold were got. The same battery starts to-day upon another crush-ing from the Star claim.—The John Bull Com-pany are crushing a parcel at the Royal Standard battery. The "cut-up" character of the Pipe-clay road renders the cartage of the stone a work of great difficulty. Respecting the other Pipe-clay reefs, there is but little new. The Nil De-perandum continue to send stone to grass; the Robert Burns purpose sinking a shaft; while the Golden Gate are still driving. We again hear that a battery is on the road for Pipeclay Gully, time alone, we suppose, will set the matter, this oft-rumoured battery at rest.—The Eliza-beth Company have cut their shaft from the tunnel, after driving some forty feet through hard rock. A fault or break in the reef ap-pears to occur at the bottom of their shaft.—The Duke of Cumberland Co. are sinking a shaft to en-able them to get out stone from a part of the reef close on the western boundary of the Heart Oak claim, and which has already been tried and proved by the latter company.—The B. Roy are driving at a depth of 80 feet, through a hard bar, in the hope of cutting their leader, a depth from which they previously crushed stone, with a return of about 13 dwts. to the ton.

A Mr F. Luhnig applied lately to the Invercargill Waste Land Board for an exclusive lease of certain of the beaches in Stewart's Is-land, to work and smelt the steel sand, or export it to Europe. It was decided, however, that its present form, his application should not be entertained.

The patients in the Switzers Hospital, according to the statement made by Mr Reilly, the Provincial Council lately, cost £2 11s 10d each daily.

Mr Edward Ryan wishes to remind old friends that he still survives, and may be interviewed at the Bendigo Hotel, Sunderland-street, Clyde.—(Advt.)

Mr Wilson, district surveyor, desires to state that in regard to the favourable opinion he was reported to have expressed about the Carrick Water Scheme, such opinion was only given in respect to that portion of the proposed course of the race to which his operations were confined. Mr Wilson also wishes it to be known that the information contained in our issue last week regarding the estimated fall was derived from him.

**REGATTA ON LAKE WANAKA.**

We have been favoured with the subject report of the Regatta which took place off Pen-broke, Lake Wanaka, on Friday and Saturday last:—

The first event was the SAILING RACE, open to all boats. The course was from the mooring at Pembroke round Roy's Island, and back to Pembroke round a buoy moored off the west-shed: twice round, about eight miles.

Mr H. S. Thompson's No Name, 7 tons . . . . .  
Mr A. Graham's Wanaka East, 3 tons . . . . .  
Mr C. Hedditch's Isabella, 20 tons . . . . .  
Messrs Ellacott & Hadding's Eureka, 42 tons . . . . .  
Mr Theodore Russell's Dart, 8 tons . . . . .

The boats got under weigh well together, a good start being effected. The No Name soon cleared the others, and stood well up to windward, leading. The Isabella, however, went about short after starting, took a leading wind with her on the eastern side of the Lake, and standing on towards Roy's Island, was very soon the leading boat, pretty closely followed by the Wanaka East, No Name, and Dart. The Eureka, standing towards the western shore, lost the wind, and was soon to all appearance hopeless, astern. The Isabella first rounded the island and ran free round the buoy the first time, the others following in the order named. In wind-ing on the second time, the wind freshened, and the No Name passed the Isabella, the Wanaka East lying in the wake of the former. The Eureka also caught the wind in the second round, and, weathering the Dart, stood well towards the leading boats, but too far astern to catch them. Passing the buoy in the homeward run the No Name was about 300 yards ahead of the Wanaka East, and the Isabella was a good third.

The rain at this time began to fall heavily and it was determined to postpone the other events until next day, when the following race were contested:—

**HANDICAP PULLING RACE** of two miles; first prize, L.6; second, L.2.—The first prize was taken by Mr Campbell's Wanaka (pulled by Messrs Russell, Ellacott, and Yeldon); then second by Mr Graham's Wanaka East (in which were Messrs Pipson, Cameron, Baird, and Oliver); while Mr McCallum's Annie was last (pulled by Messrs Ewen, McKay, and McAlister). The Wanaka won easily.

**SCULLING RACE**, of one mile. First prize, L.2 second, 15s.

Mr Pipson's Daisy . . . . . 1  
Mr Ellacott's Eureka . . . . . 2  
Mr Oliver's Miss Mason . . . . . 3  
Mr Jenner's Rose . . . . . 4

Won by 50 yards.

**SAILING RACE**,—once round the Island; first prize, L.8 10s.; second boat to receive the amount of entries.

Messrs Ellacott & Hadding's Eureka, 42 tons . . . . .  
Mr Thompson's No Name, 7 tons . . . . .  
Mr Russell's Isabella, 20 tons . . . . .

The boats started away well together, the Isabella leading up to Enley's point, having the best of the wind; the other two boats stood in ther over to the west side of the lake. The wind then fell light, and the boats were almost becalmed for a time. When it came on to blow again, the wind had changed more to the west-ward catching the Eureka and No Name at sending them right up to the Island before it was felt by the Isabella, which was from the time out of the race. The No Name rounded the Island first by a small way; but running home the Eureka hoisted her gaff topsails, drove gradually away from the No Name, and came in an easy winner.



TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

DUNEDIN,

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

Owing to the large number of notices of motion which have been placed on the Order Paper within the last few days, the session of Council seems likely to be prolonged for some time.

An Opposition, under the leadership of Mr Shepherd, has been formed, consisting almost entirely of Gold-fields members. At a meeting which was held on Saturday, it was resolved to endeavour to oust the Government.

Mr St. John Branigan, who has been for some time in Dunedin Lunatic Asylum, on Saturday evening had a paralytic stroke, by which he has lost the use of his right side.

The violent ringing of the two fire-bells at half-past three on Monday morning turned people out of their beds by the hundred. A fire had broken out in the Club Hotel, in MacLaggan-street, but it was fortunately got under without doing much damage.

Mr Smythies' case was partly heard in the Court of Appeal at Wellington on Saturday.

WELLINGTON,

TUESDAY, 10 A.M.

Smythies' case has been on for two days in the Court of Appeal, and will be finished to-morrow. The Attorney-General, Travers, and Howorth oppose the case.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.

The first amateur entertainment organised during the present year for the benefit of the Cromwell Aquarium building fund was given at Kidd's Hall on the evening of Her Majesty's Birthday. Notwithstanding the boisterous state of the weather throughout the afternoon and evening, the hall was well filled; and we are fully warranted in saying that had it not been for the heavy downpour of rain which lasted without intermission for several hours, the attendance would have been larger than on any previous occasion of a similar kind. The programme, as performed, varied slightly from that advertised in our last week's issue; to save time and space, we subjoin it as amended:—

PART I.

Overture, by the Band (Mr Whetter, and Messrs J. and R. Whetter). Glee—*Awake, My Lyre!* by the Company. Prologue, spoken by Mr MacKellar. Song—*Constance*, Mr Baird. Burlesque Scene, Mr Blair. Song—*And Robin Gray*, Mrs Matthews. Cornet Solo (from Betty)—*Donizetti*, Master R. Whetter. Comic Song—*It's nice to be a Father*, Mr Lachmann. Song—*Ring out, Wild Bells!* Mr Loughman. Comic Song—*Have you Seen the Ghost?* Mr Jolly. Song—*My Pretty Jane*, Mr Campbell. Song—*Within a Mile of Edinburgh Town*, Mrs Matthews. Song—*When other Lips*, Mr Sanson. Comic Song—*Ten Little Niggers*, Mr Smith.

PART II.

Song—*Let me like a Soldier fall*, Mr Sanson. Song—*Mourning of the Shell*, Mrs Matthews. Comic Song, Mr Blair. Song—*MacGregor's Gathering*, Mr Campbell. Irish Sketch—*Paudeen O'Rafferty's Song Voyage*, Mr Frazer. Song—*The Wanderer*, Mr Loughman. Comic Song, *The Hen Convention*, Mr Lachmann. Duet—*What are the Wild Waves Saying?* Mr Baird and Mrs Matthews. Comic Song—*The Note of a Little Jack-lane*, Mr Jolly. Song—*Babylon*, Mr Smith. Negro Farce—*The Nervous Nigger*, Mr Smith and Mr Blair. Finals—*God Save the Queen!* Company.

Mrs P. Smith and Mr Colclough gave valuable aid in accompanying the vocalists on the piano. Mr Smith's negro comicities created intense amusement, and caused much "side-splitting." Every item in the programme was received by the audience with marked demonstrations of approval, all the performers exerting themselves to the utmost of their several abilities in contributing to the success of the entertainment. The pecuniary result of the affair was an addition of nearly £20 to the Atheneum building fund.

WARDEN'S COURT, CROMWELL.

THURSDAY, MAY 23.

(Before E. H. Carew, Esq., Judge and Warden.)

William Benn and Andrew Whitfield, holders of a sluicing-claim in the left branch of Smith's Gully, Carrick Range, complained against the Elizabeth Q.M. Company, Registered, for unlawfully depositing earth, stones, tailings, gravel, and other substances on complainants' claim; for which the complainants seek to recover damages to the extent of £60. Mr Brough appeared on behalf of complainants; and Mr Colclough, as legal manager, represented the directors of the Elizabeth Company. The principal issues appeared to be—1st, whether a certain dam claimed by the complainants belongs to them or to the defendants; and, 2ndly, whether the complainants are entitled to use the water flowing down the gully. The Warden intimated his intention to visit the ground on Wednesday (to-morrow), and adjourned the hearing of the complaint until the following Thursday.

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claims were granted to the persons in the localities undermentioned:—G. Hogg, Old John's Flat, east bank of Clutha; G. Chilton and another, Bailey's Gully; Ah Shang and five others, Banmuckburn Creek; J. Wrightson and another, quarter-mile west of Kawarau Gorge township; James Butler and five others, adjoining Wrightson's claim; F. Skinner, adjoining Perry's claim, Pipeclay Gully; Wah Hi and another, quarter-mile above O'Donnell's store, Bendigo Gully. The application of Arthur Wilson, Old John's Flat, was adjourned for a fortnight.

Water Races.—J. W. Thompson, one sluice-head from Souza's Creek, Quartz Reef Point: granted.—Robert Burns Q.M. Company, Registered, two sluice-heads from a point ten chains west of commencement of the Nil Desperandum Company's race, Pipeclay Gully. Objections to

the granting of the application were lodged on behalf of the John Bull and Nil Desperandum Companies respectively. The Warden adjourned the hearing for a week, in order that he might have an opportunity of visiting the ground before deciding the application.—A. Mulholland and two others were granted an alteration of their licensed race, to commence at Surface Point, Kawarau Gorge.—Wah Hi and another applied for and obtained a grant of water from a point above O'Donnell's store, Bendigo Gully.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT, CROMWELL.

THURSDAY, MAY 23.

(Before E. H. Carew, Esq., R.M.)

His Worship took his seat on the Bench at 11 a.m.

Rabbit-Shooting on Sunday.—Henry Wickstran was charged, on the information of Sergeant Cassels, with discharging fire-arms within view of a public place on Sunday, the 19th inst. Fined 5s., without costs.

HORRIGAN v. HOLLIDAY.—Claim, £35 9s. 6d. Defendant produced a receipt signed by plaintiff, acknowledging payment of all claims against defendant up to a certain date in December. The plaintiff at first declined to admit that the signature to the receipt was in his handwriting; but the Magistrate asked him to write his name on a slip of paper, and it was found that the signatures exactly corresponded. The defendant admitted his indebtedness for certain items obtained since the date of the receipt; and judgment was given for £7 6s. 6d., together with costs.

JOHN FRANCIS v. R. KIDD.—This was a criminal information charging defendant with having committed an act of perjury. Mr Brough, on behalf of defendant, asked that the hearing of the case might be adjourned till Saturday, the 25th, at the Clyde Court-house, his client paying expenses.—Mr W. W. Wilson, who appeared for the prosecution, said that personally he did not object to an adjournment to Clyde, but it would be a hardship on the witnesses to have to go there. If, however, the other side would undertake to convey Francis's witnesses to Clyde and back, the prosecutor would consent to the adjournment asked for.—His Worship granted the adjournment.

J. PERRIAM v. P. M'KAY.—This was an adjourned case. The amount of the original claim was £14 18s. 6d., of which plaintiff had received £7 since service of summons. The defendant did not appear, and judgment was given for balance of claim, viz., £7 18s. 6d., together with 19s. costs of Court.

W. WATSON v. ROYAL STANDARD Q.C. COMPANY, REGISTERED.—Claim, £29 8s. 6d. Mr W. W. Wilson for plaintiff. Mr Jenner, legal manager of the Company, represented the directors, and pleaded not indebted. This case, after a protracted hearing, was ultimately adjourned, at defendant's request, for three weeks.

G. T. STEPHENSON v. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—The plaintiff claimed £50 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal. The Magistrate, at the close of the evidence, intimated that judgment would be given on Thursday next.

HUGH McPHERSON v. JOHN E. BEATTIE.—In this case the plaintiff sought to recover damages to the amount of £50 for loss entailed upon him in consequence of defendant having failed to take possession, according to agreement, of the plaintiff's licensed house, situate near the Lower Ferry, Bendigo Road. Mr Wilson for plaintiff, and Mr Allanby for defendant. His Worship gave judgment in favour of plaintiff for £13, (equivalent to three months' rent of the premises), together with 25s. Court expenses, and 21s. professional costs.

BILLIARD LICENCE.—The application of Edw. Thompson, Ne. is, for renewal, was granted.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT, CLYDE.

SATURDAY, MAY 25.

(Before E. H. Carew, Esq., R.M.; and James Hazlett, Esq., J.P.)

A special sitting of the Court was held, in accordance with adjournment, on the above date. The Court was opened at 11 a.m.

CHANGE OF PERJURY.

Robert Kidd, hotelkeeper, of Cromwell, was charged, on the information of John Francis, miner, Carrick Range, with having, on the 9th November last, at Cromwell, been guilty of a misdemeanour, inasmuch as that he, "the said Robert Kidd, as a witness in the matter of Francis v. Kidd, did falsely swear that he had never sold any share or interest in the Star of the East Quartz-mining Company, Registered,—he, the said Robert Kidd, at the same time knowing such evidence to be false, and knowing it to be material to the issue then being tried; and the Court in which such evidence was taken being a Court having jurisdiction to hear and decide upon the matter of complaint."

Mr W. W. Wilson appeared in support of the information; and Mr Brough defended the accused.

Mr Wilson, in opening the case, said the present charge arose out of a case tried before Mr Warden Pyke at Cromwell in November last, in which the present informant, John Francis, sued Robert Kidd, the present defendant, for a half-share in the Star of the East Company's claim, Carrick Range. The present information was that accused had, upon the hearing of such case, sworn that he had never sold any share in the Star of the East Company to the complainant or any other person, which evidence was contrary to fact, as he (Mr Wilson) would show. Mr Wilson then commented in strong terms on the common practice of perjury in every Court in the country, and the necessity which existed of an attempt being made to put down such a practice; and said the present proceedings had been instituted by Mr Francis with that view. He (Mr Wilson) had no doubt whatever that their Worships, after hearing the evidence which he should bring forward, would concur in his view of the case, and commit the accused to take his trial before the Supreme Court in Dunedin. The learned counsel then dwelt at some length upon the rules by which Magistrates were guided in dealing with the evidence in such cases.—Mr Wilson then called John Francis.

Before this witness was sworn, however, Mr Brough, while regretting the inconvenience to which they would be put, had to request that all the witnesses be ordered outside the Court.

The witnesses were ordered out of Court accordingly.

John Francis, sworn, examined by Mr Wilson:—I am a miner, residing at Cromwell. I know the accused, Robert Kidd. Anything whatever the two of us got in quartz-reefing we were to divide—that is, if I discovered anything, he was to have half; if he got a share in any way from any one, he was to give me half of it; and it was understood that we both should contribute to any share either of us held. In consequence of information I received, I lodged a complaint against the accused, which complaint came on for hearing in the Warden's Court at Cromwell on the 9th November last, before Mr Vincent Pyke, then Warden at Cromwell. I produced a letter, now marked A by the Court, signed "W. B. Howe," and dated 16th Dec. 1870, which was produced in the Warden's Court at the hearing of the complaint referred to. I produced another letter, now marked B by the Court, signed by W. B. Howe, and dated 7th or 9th November 1870, which was also produced at the hearing of the complaint referred to. I recollect the accused having the oath administered to him on the Holy Bible by Mr Vincent Pyke at the hearing of the complaint. I recollect those letters being produced on that occasion. I heard Mr Brough ask the accused if he had sold any share in the Star of the East claim. He said no. I recollect Mr Wilson asking accused whether he had not directly or indirectly parted with any share or interest in it for £75, and he said he had not sold any share or any mining interest whatever. It became a question, in the hearing of that complaint, whether the accused was in funds up to that time for the purpose of payment of expenses on account of wages in the claim then in dispute. That proceeding was a complaint instituted by me to compel accused to transfer a share to me, on the ground of my being a partner with him in a certain mining venture called the Star of the East Company.

Cross-examined by Mr Brough:—I recollect Mr Wilson asking him whether the share was still his. He answered, "The share is still mine, and in my name." The reason it became a question as to whether accused had received £75 for the share was that he, the accused, would have been in funds to pay my calls on the interest I was seeking for in the Star of the East Company. I paid nothing in connection with that claim, nor did I ever ask accused to pay anything for me in connection with that claim. If the accused had purchased a share I would not have expected any interest in it; nor had I bought one, would the accused have been entitled to any share in it. It is about two years since I left the Cromwell district, and my intention was then to clear out the country altogether. I remember your asking the accused—either before or after Mr Wilson, I am not sure which—"Did you part with any of your interest in the star of the East claim?" I am not sure whether you used the words "Did you sell any interest?" or "Did you part with any interest?" I won't swear that the accused said he had not parted with his share in the Star of the East, but I know the words "twelve months" were used. I recollect that the words "twelve months" were used in connection with the sale of the share. Mr Howe, on being examined in the Warden's Court, stated that he had written the letter marked A without instructions from the accused. When I left Cromwell I intended to have gone to California. I had disposed of all my mining interest before leaving. Everything with regard to mining partnership between accused and myself at that time was squared up before I left.

Re-examined:—It was in consequence of Howe telling me that there was a half-share left me that I returned. I think it was in April 1871 that I returned,—about five months after I got the letter. Although accused may have sworn that he had not sold any interest within twelve months, I still adhere to my statement that he said he had never sold.

[In the letters referred to in the foregoing evidence, the following statements occur:—"Mr Kidd has let you half his share, and as soon as you can manage it you are to get half of mine; that is what Mr Kidd proposes to do." "With regard to our reef, . . . Kidd has sold half a share for £75."]

B. R. Baird, Clerk of the Warden's Court at Cromwell, was called, and produced the complaint laid in the Warden's Court by John Francis, on the 19th October 1871, against Robert Kidd.

Duncan MacKellar, teacher, examined:—I was umpire in an arbitration matter between George Fauvel and accused. [The witness, addressing the Bench, said that any knowledge he possessed as to the matter before the Court was gained through his having acted as umpire in the arbitration case referred to, and he declined to produce any document connected with the arbitration unless the Court compelled him to do so.]

Mr Wilson objected to the witness being protected or privileged by the Court; and the Bench, after hearing Mr Brough in support of the privilege claimed, ruled that the witness was bound to produce any documents in his possession that had reference to the charge under investigation.

Examination of D. MacKellar resumed:—I produce a document marked D, signed "Robert Kidd," and dated 7/9/70. [The purport of the document was as follows:—"I, Robert Kidd, hereby sell to George Fauvel one half share in the Evening Star claim, Carrick Range, for the sum of £100 sterling." That document was not produced before me in my capacity as umpire. The accused was not examined before me.]

John Marsh, hotel-keeper, Cromwell:—I was one of the arbitrators in the matter of *Fauvel v. Kidd*. The document marked D was produced before me as one of the arbitrators. The accused was examined on that occasion. George Fauvel claimed the half of a sixth share in the Star of the East quartz mining claim. There was a repudiation of that document by Mr Kidd at the beginning of his evidence; he said he had no recollection of the document. Mr Kidd admitted the signature attached to the document to be his. After the arbitration, the umpire suggested that all the papers should be handed to him in order to be destroyed.

Cross-examination:—The object of the arbitration was to decide as to whether or not Kidd had sold to Fauvel an interest in the Star of the East quartz claim. The award was never made.

Re-examined:—There was no decision given by the umpire; but the umpire being a friend of both parties, suggested that they should come to an amicable arrangement. The document produced is a sale-note, not a receipt.

George Fauvel, miner, Carrick Range:—I am the George Fauvel referred to in the sale-note produced. That document was produced in the matter of an arbitration between myself and Kidd, in which I claimed an interest in the Star of the East claim. There was no decision given by the arbitrators. The umpire stated that, as the arbitrators could not agree, it was his duty to see if myself and accused could not agree. The matter was ultimately settled by agreement: Mr Kidd gave me fifty scrip in the Star of the East Company. This occurred about three weeks or a month ago. Not to my knowledge are there two claims known as Evening Star and Star of the East on the Carrick. I understood that the ground held by the Evening Star Company was identical with that now held by the Star of the East. I know the date of the document marked D, 7/9/70.

Cross-examined:—I know that an information has been laid against R. Kidd for perjury. I can't swear that on the 7/9/70 there was no claim known as the Evening Star on the Carrick, because I was not then acquainted with the range. I don't even know now that there is not a claim, or ever has been, a claim on the Carrick known by the name of the Evening Star. Kidd, giving his evidence in the arbitration, acknowledged my holding an interest in the Star of the East Company. I paid Kidd £8 in January or February 1871, but I didn't tell him what I paid it for. Nobody else was present, and I took no receipt. About six weeks or two months later, I paid him a further sum of £15, but did not tell him what it was for, and took no receipt. I had just received about £25 for wages. There was an old debt subsisting between myself and Mr Kidd when I paid him the £8. I owed money to the accused,—according to his account about £3. I consider that I paid £5 of it on account of the claim. Mr Stuart was present and saw me pay the £15. Mr Kidd had not then disputed my claim to an interest in the Star of the East claim. The claim was not then paying. At the time the case *Francis v. Kidd* was heard in the Warden's Court, I had no transfer from Kidd. When I asked Kidd for a transfer, he said he would retain a portion of the scrip for the money I owed him, and he refused to transfer the interest I claimed. At the date of the arbitration, I had not paid the £100 referred to in the sale-note. I remember perfectly well that when I had completed McPherson's punt,—about the middle of December 1870, I told accused I could not complete the purchase of the share in the Star of the East. At the time I saw Kidd in reference to the completion of the purchase, I don't remember accused asking me to return the document marked D. He asked me for it when he was going to give me a transfer of 25 scrip. I don't remember ever saying that I had lost or destroyed that document.

Re-examined:—At the time I paid the £8 and £15, there was no other pecuniary transaction between us, beyond the £3 I owed him. When he offered to transfer 25 scrip to me, he asked me for the piece of paper that had passed between us. I never received any other document from accused except that marked D, beyond a list of the calls. After the arbitration I got fifty scrip, value £10 each, in the Star of the East Company from accused. I took the shares as paid-up,—that is, there were no calls then due upon them.

At this stage Mr Wilson stated that he could not carry the case any further, until he had secured the attendance of a witness whom he intended to subpoena in order to complete the evidence for the prosecution. He therefore asked that a further adjournment might be granted.

Mr Brough argued that it was very unfair to ask for an adjournment at that stage. There was nothing in the depositions to warrant the charge made against the accused, or even to establish a *prima facie* case against him.

Mr Wilson replied that the prosecution had made a great concession in agreeing to have the hearing adjourned to Clyde; and as a matter of simple justice he asked for an adjournment now.

The Resident Magistrate said the only reason why he had consented to adjourn the case to Clyde was that it was likely to occupy a considerable time, and there was always plenty of business to get through in the Courts at Cromwell. In compliance with Mr Wilson's request, the further hearing of the case would be adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 30th inst., at Cromwell.

Quips and Quiddities by "Moleskin."

An old friend with a new face.—Two heads are better than one, even if they are only sluice-heads.

Anomalous as it may seem, a wrinkle or two will often smooth a man's way in the world. The unskillfulness of one workman can, by a roundabout way, be made notorious, and the reputation of a rival heightened thereby. A cheap and novel mode of advertising is here apparent. A belated number of the CROMWELL ARGUS, containing a report of a "branch" case, heard before the R.M., suggested this idea, and caused me to jot it down in this olio of mine. I wonder if the idea ever struck anyone else!

Provide your M.P.C. has any political opinions or intentions, what is it prevents him from giving oral publicity to such, and thus acceding to the wishes of his constituents? Is it modesty, or is it distrust? If he has too large a share of the former, the sooner he tries to shake off such an incubus, the better. Modesty is an excellent thing in a woman; but in a man, and one in a public position, it ceases to be a quality; and will be a perpetual obstacle, not only in advancing his own interests, but also those of the district he represents. Not dissimilar in effect is distrust. It induces a state of reticence and inactivity in the possessor, fatal alike to the fulfilment of his duties and the trust reposed in him. Common sense should dictate to a man who has no confidence in himself, his total unfitness for acting as an agent, or in any way for others. Such a one should, at particular seasons, be accompanied by a nurse; not a *dry* one,—at least, not one of the Sairey Gamp genus, for we all know how she felt "disposed."

## A PLEA FOR BENDIGO.

Anyone visiting this whilom flourishing quartz mining district would be surprised to see the evidences of the immense amount of labour performed and capital expended, with no apparent result except the excoriation of the face of mother earth by roads, trenches, shafts, and tunnels, and here and there a ghostly mill, silent and untended,—mementoes of depreciated scrip and blighted hopes. The visitor would be lost in wonderment, and would be apt to enquire what all this work and money expenditure meant, and what the melancholy abandonment was due to? If I happened to be his *cicerone*, I should reply,—In some instances, want of capital; in others, of patience or pluck; and in many, mismanagement. In the early days of Bendigo, the claims for the most part fell into the hands of men who possibly had never before seen a quartz reef, and, like the gentleman who received a royal Bengal tiger in a present, scarcely knew what to do with it. However, a general desultory surface-scratching took place, and in many instances parcels of stone were taken out and crushed; and certainly the yields in the majority of cases should have warranted a further trial, and a livelier appearance than the place presents at this date. I will proceed to give the results of some crushings which came under my notice; and I think your readers will agree with me that the district is worthy of further exploration. On the supposition that such a concession will be made, I will endeavour to point out the best methods of achieving success in the experiment.

Crushings.	Average.
Alta Company	10 dwts.
Broadfoot's	12 "
Iguana	17 1/2 "
Victoria	8 "
Kelsall and Co.	12 "
M'Namara and Co.	16 "
No. 10 Logan's line	23 "
No. 2 Logan's line	14 "

The above claims are apparently on five separate lines of reef, and are all abandoned. By taking the average it will be seen that the yield has been 14 dwts per ton; while our Victorian namesake, which is characterised as "undoubtedly the best quartz mining district in the world," can only boast of an average for 1871, of 11 dwts 16 grs to the ton. These facts need little comment. We have, besides, three Companies working: the Cromwell Company, ranging from 1 oz to 7 ozs per ton; the Colclough, 10 dwts to 2 oz 14 dwts; and the Aurora, 8 dwts to 2 oz 12 dwts. The foregoing figures surely show us that the present position of this place is due to "something rotten in the state of Denmark." If 11 dwts 16 grs per ton, according to the Australian belief, constitutes the best quartz mining district in the world, our return of 14 dwts per ton ought to convince speculative capitalists that further trial is necessary. I may be probably told by shareholders that the stone was too expensive to raise. I answer, that this resulted generally from the crude and unskilful methods of working the lodes; that crushing and carting were too dear,—this is a fault easily remedied; or that the reef in many instances ran out,—this is a fact which I have always and still decline to admit, and my objection has been sustained by Victorian and other experiences, and is daily receiving confirmation in all quartz mining countries. Latham and Watson, of Sandhurst, spent £12,000 in continuing a shaft through barren rock, and were rewarded by meeting with a massive reef, richer than any before discovered in the claim; and in the Downville Mine, California, there was an intermittent break of 400 feet ending in a similar result. So, when a man tells me a reef has run out, I conclude he tells me as well, as the boys say, a "whopper." I consider such a statement merely a refuge for incompetence. I believe that the principal reason for the collapse of so many claims here was that the overheated and sanguine imaginations of the shareholders pictured the coming yields as ounces instead of pennyweights, and when the crucial test of disintegration revealed the latter, disappointments and heartburnings supervened, and the speculations were thrown up in disgust.

I find that I have not space in this communication for the second part of my infliction,—viz., How to do it; so will, with your permission, continue in your next; and, if I do not bore your readers, I beg them to credit me with sincerity in my belief that this district is worth another attempt to develop its auriferous wealth. The history of quartz mining is full of examples to show us that the measure of success achieved is always proportioned to the amount of patience, energy, and perseverance displayed. If not always, at least often,

The attempt  
Is all the wedge that splits the knotty way,  
Betwixt the possible and the impossible.  
Bendigo, May 21, 1872. VIATOR.

The Russian Government have determined to re-open Sebastopol as a military and commercial harbour.

## DUNEDIN NOTES.

By O. P. Q.

Since my last letter the Provincial Council have set in to their duties in an energetic manner. The Financial Statement has been delivered, important debates have taken place, and the Estimates have been under discussion for the last day or two, with the result of a rapid disposal of the items which have as yet been discussed. The debate on the education question has of course been regarded as the most interesting one of the session, and has pretty clearly demonstrated that Otago at least does not want any alteration in the provision which she has made for the education of her children, willing though many of the members of Council are that concession should be made to Roman Catholic prejudices. Mr Reid's Financial Statement has given very general satisfaction, and it certainly shows the Province to be in a much healthier condition than was generally imagined, although the fact of the large overdraft at the Bank of New Zealand having been reduced by the alienation of fifty thousand acres of land at Moa Flat to "Big Clarke" is looked upon by many as detracting very materially from any credit which may be due to the Reid Executive for their management of the affairs of the Province. At the present rate of progress, the Council should have all its business despatched in little over a week's time from this.

A mile flat race between the well-known racehorses Tomboy and Pilgrim came off at Forbury Park on Wednesday morning. Tomboy (now owned by Mr E. Devine), came in an easy winner, hard held.

A meeting of gentlemen (professedly non-Spiritualists) was held in the London Hotel on Wednesday night, having been called for the purpose of taking steps to induce the Rev. Dr Copland to visit Melbourne in order to witness the reputed spiritual teaching enjoyed by the children of Mr James Smith, who recently paid this city a visit, and so astonished the inhabitants by giving expression at public meetings in the theatre to the extraordinary opinions which he holds on matters affecting the present and after life of the human race. It was resolved at the meeting to invite Dr Copland to visit Melbourne for the purpose stated, and also of witnessing other manifestations which are said to take place, all his expenses being guaranteed. After the recent hot controversy between Mr Smith and Dr Copland, it would be rather comical if the reverend gentleman were to come back a convert to the new faith; but I am informed that there is little likelihood of Dr Copland accepting the invitation.

The arrival of the eight Auckland desperadoes last Saturday caused quite a commotion in the neighbourhood of Rattray-street jetty, where they were landed. Besides three or four constables who had accompanied them from the North, a strong body of the Otago police also met the criminals, and marched with them to the Gaol, with the usual large muster of curious people, idlers, loungers, and tag, rag, and bobtail who assemble on such occasions. Notable among the prisoners, and handcuffed together, were the notorious Cyrus Haley and another murderous scoundrel named Johnston, whose cheeky looks and conduct were the subject of remark. It is certainly gratifying to us that the Otago gaol and its officers are looked upon with such confidence as the sending of all these hardened characters for safe keeping indicates; and as the Provincial authorities are paid for the cost of their maintenance, I suppose we must not growl at this addition to our population, but rather rejoice that we are in a position to secure our Auckland friends against further depredation at the hands of men of the Plummer stamp, to whom an escape from the Mount Eden Stockade seemed a comparatively easy matter.

## PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 17th MAY.

Messrs SIMPSON AND PYKE.

Mr Shepherd moved—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, requesting that a copy of all correspondence between the Government and Messrs Simpson and Pyke, relative to leave of absence granted to Mr Simpson, and the removal of Mr Pyke from the Dunstan district to the Tuapeka district, be laid on the table." The motion was carried.

LAND ENDOWMENTS FOR HOSPITALS.

Mr Shepherd moved—"That an Address be presented to His Honor the Superintendent, recommending that blocks of 20,000 acres of Crown Lands, in the districts of Tuapeka, Dunstan, Wakatipu, and Mount Ida respectively, be granted as special endowments for the Hospitals in those districts."

Mr Bastings seconded.

Mr Bathgate moved, as an amendment—"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient that all reserves made for Hospitals specially should be applied for the maintenance of Hospitals generally, and so managed that the revenues arising therefrom should be entered in a special account, to be called The Hospitals Account, and the amount at the credit of such account to be distributed annually towards the support of the various Hospitals, in proportion to the number of patients, and the amount of voluntary contributions to the funds of the Hospitals respectively."

Mr Shepherd's motion having on a division been virtually negatived, Mr Bastings moved that 5000 acres of pastoral land should be reserved as proposed by the original motion; but this was negatived on a division, there voting for it 9, and against it 21. Mr

Bathgate's was then discussed, and after some amendments upon it had been lost, was put and carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The House went into Committee, and Mr Reid delivered his Financial Statement, which will be found on our seventh page.

CROMWELL.

Mr Bastings moved—"That the Petition from the Town Council of Cromwell be referred to the Goldfields Committee." Carried.

MOA FLAT SALE.

A discussion took place on a motion by Mr Bastings that 500 acres of land be granted to Mr C. W. Adams, as compensation for loss sustained by him, through the survey of Mr Clarke's purchase being given to another surveyor. The mover read documents, showing that a condition of Mr Adams's appointment was that he should have the surveying of all the land sold by Government in his district, except in cases of "peculiar urgency." By the survey being given to another surveyor, Mr Adams was deprived of £1100 or £1200, which should have gone to him.

Mr Reid considered that Mr Adams had suffered no loss, as it was a condition of the sale that the survey should be made by Mr Clarke's surveyor. Had the land not been bought by Mr Clarke it would not have been surveyed for many years to come.

The discussion of Mr Adams's claim was postponed till Wednesday.

MONDAY, 20th MAY.

MUNICIPALITIES.

In answer to the Hon. Mr M'Lean, Mr Reid said it was the intention of the Government to hand over the revenue accruing within Municipalities since the 31st March last, after deducting any sums expended in the interval on the main roads.

ALEXANDRA.

Mr Shepherd moved that the report from the Goldfields Committee on the Alexandra petition,—praying that the Warden and Gold Receiver attend at that place more frequently,—be referred to the Executive, for the purpose of effect being given to the report.

Mr Bradshaw explained that it was believed it would be sufficient if the Clerk attended once a week, and the Warden once a fortnight at Alexandra.

EDUCATION.

Mr Mervyn moved for leave to bring in a Bill on Education, having for its object the permissive instead of compulsory reading of the Bible in schools, and also the prevention of religious instruction.

Leave was given, and the Bill was read a first time.

JUDGE WARD.

Mr Macassey moved—"That this Council views with regret the appointment of Judge Ward; and that His Honor the Superintendent be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Colonial Secretary."

The motion was carried on the voices.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

The House then went into Committee of Supply. A number of items were passed without comment; but on the items under the head of "Superintendent and Executive Council" being moved,

Mr Macassey wished to know if, while His Honor and members of the Executive were at Wellington at the House of Representatives, any extra expense was entailed on the Province in regard to the arrangements made for the performance of their duties.

Mr Reid explained that there was no charge to the Province at all.

A number of other items were passed, none of any special interest to Cromwell readers; and the Council adjourned.

TUESDAY, 21st MAY.

Considerable discussion took place upon a set of resolutions by Mr Tolmie, having in view a remodelling of the form of the Government of the Province. They provided that the Government of the Province should be in the hands of a Board, to consist of the Superintendent, and a certain number of members of the present Council; such Board to meet two days in the week, or oftener if necessary, with the Superintendent as chairman.

Mr Macassey moved an amendment to the effect that the present Provincial Council should consist of only nineteen members; and that two, with the Superintendent, should form an Executive.

Both motion and amendment were negatived.

CHINESE PETITION.

Some discussion took place as to whether witnesses should be brought from Queenstown to give evidence in regard to the Chinese petition for the removal of Mr Warden Beetham; but it was decided to leave the whole matter to the consideration of the Government during the recess.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

In Committee of Supply, under the head of "Roads and Works," an item of £300 to be spent on the road between Dunstan and Cromwell was passed; as also £770 between Cromwell and Queenstown. Between Lindis and Wanaka £100 was passed; and between Cromwell and Wanaka, £200.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.

After some unimportant business had been transacted, the House went into Committee of Supply. Among the items under the head of "Main Branch Roads," the following were passed:—Dunstan to Nevis, L.50; Cromwell to Nevis, L.50; Cromwell to Cardrona, L.250; Cromwell to Bendigo Gully, L.120; Albertown to Cardrona, L.50; Arrow to Cardrona, L.50.

Under the head of "Works and Buildings," the following were passed:—Cromwell Court-house, L.600; Cromwell Bridge, L.700; Queenstown to Martin's Bay, L.1000.

OTAGO LOCAL REVENUES BILL.

Mr Bathgate moved the second reading of this Bill. The intention of the Ordinance to enable the Corporation collectors to collect license-fees under the new arrangement with Municipalities.

Mr Mervyn withdrew the opposition had previously manifested to this Bill, remarked that great credit was due to Mayor of Dunedin for his action in the matter of the new arrangement, but thought up-country Mayors had been made cats-paw of by the former gentleman.

Mr Bastings objected, as an up-country Mayor, to such a title, and thought the sure was a very fair and just one, as was up-country towns as to Dunedin.

The Bill was read a second time.

MR C. W. ADAMS.

On the motion of Mr Sumpter, this gentleman's petition was recommended to the favourable consideration of the Government.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

Mr Shepherd moved "that 15,000 acres be thrown open in the Dunstan district for cultural settlement; and that this Council be of opinion that the land should be brought under the deferred payments clause in the Otago Waste Lands Bill."

Mr Reid proposed the insertion of words "provided it can be obtained at a reasonable rate of compensation" after the words "Dunstan district." This was agreed, and the motion passed as amended.

DUNSTAN HOSPITAL.

Mr Shepherd moved that a sum of £1000 be placed on the Supplementary Estimate as a special grant to the Dunstan Hospital.

Mr Sumpter moved, as an amendment, "That the special grants to all hospitals considered at one and the same time."

The amendment was carried, and the matter was held over for future consideration.

## SAN FRANCISCO MAIL.

The Nebraska arrived at Auckland May 22. She brought two months' news. The steamers are in future to run through from Auckland to San Francisco.

LONDON.

The Queen will shortly visit Napoleon Chisholm.

The presentation of Lady Twiss at Court officially cancelled.

The claimant in the late Tichborne case been admitted to bail, and will soon be summoned to answer the charges of perjury and forgery.

The obsequies of Earl Mayo took place in Dublin. The remains were interred at family seat. The funeral procession was a mile long. The Marquis of Lorne represented the Queen.

The *Daily News* says the dissolution of Gladstone Cabinet, and its succession by a Conservative Ministry, are probable before the close of the week, and that there will be a general election for members of Parliament in the latter part of the week.

It is reported that Prince Bismarck has sent an ultimatum to M. Thiers, demanding the immediate reduction of the French army to 22,500 men, and hinting that in case of refusal Germany will establish a French Government. Many German papers contradict this; but others confirm it.

The British counter case was presented to the Geneva Arbitration Commission on 15th. It refuses the discussion of the American imputations of hostile motives and sincere neutrality. No reference is made to the claim for indirect damages. It asserts the claims are limited to the losses occasioned by the Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and the *Maine*, and accepts the introduction of other rebel cruisers' claims. It demands frank open statement of facts will eventually remove every misunderstanding.

A fresh crater has been opened in the vicinity of a stream of lava from it threatening the villages on the mountain side. The inhabitants are removing, and thousands camped in the fields. The Bay of Naples covered with boats filled with spectators. The scene is indescribably grand and terrible. Flames sometimes shoot up to a height, and masses of rock are ejected from the lava. Earthquake shocks have been distinctly felt in Naples, and six tourists reported to be killed.

AMERICA.

Rich gold and silver mines have been discovered in Alaska.

Captain Hall's Arctic expedition has been heard from in Greenland on March 1st.

Congress is considering a resolution withdrawing the claims for indirect damages from the consideration of the Geneva Tribunal.

The Senate Postal Committee reports in favour of subsidising the Australian ship line to the extent of 500,000 dollars a year.

The *Daily Times* says "unprofitable windbags" form a large proportion of the members of the Provincial Council.

The portrait of the late Captain Cameron, the first Superintendent of the Province, has been placed side by side with that of the Rev. Dr Burns, in the Provincial Council Chamber at Dunedin. Mr Reid suggested that the portrait of the late Mr John M'Glashan, another pioneer of the Province, should be obtained and hung in the same place.



WARDEN'S REPORT.

Mr E. H. Carew, Warden for the Dunstan district, writing to the Provincial Secretary at Goldfields, reports:—

I have the honour to forward herewith statistical returns for the Dunstan district, in which I have included Blacks, for the quarter ending on the 31st March last.

I regret that the short time I have had the temporary charge of the district has not allowed me in a position to report fully of its progress. The season passed through has been one of extreme dryness, and consequently unfavourable for the production of gold; in fact, a large number of miners have been forced from want of water to remain at their claims. This applies also to quartz-mining, for at Bendigo the crushing machines have been stopped; and those at the Carrick Ranges have worked to great disadvantage from a short supply. The cutting of the Carrick Water Supply Co.'s race is commenced, and when completed will be able to supply the machines on the Carrick, as well as the alluvial workings. Other enterprises for water supply are also mooted, notably the construction of a new race to carry the water-right of the old Golden Gate Company, whose race was constructed to Black's. The present proprietors consider there is a prospect of putting the water to more profitable use along the slopes of the Dunstan range, and have applied for the necessary authority to make the alteration. The length of the proposed race is over twenty miles, and the water is to be used upon known auriferous ground along its course, and then again to be picked up, and to be kept sufficiently high to allow of it being conducted to where it will command the banks of the Clyde below Clyde. Some of the quartzizing companies in the district have been giving good dividends, and this branch of mining appears only to require the introduction of capital to extend in importance.

The Chinese population is increasing, especially in the neighbourhood of Alexandra, where they have taken up old ground abandoned years ago, and the result seems to satisfy them, and evidently to improve business in Alexandra.

The Escort has conveyed the following quantities of gold to Dunedin during the quarter:—From Cromwell, 5745ozs. 4dwts.; from Clyde, 2129ozs. 13dwts.; Alexandra, 431ozs. 6dwts.; Blacks, 2299ozs.; in all, 1532ozs. 6dwts."

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following is a greatly condensed report of Mr Reid's Financial Statement, delivered in Committee of the House on Friday evening, May 17. We have had, of course, some much interesting matter; but have attempted to give our readers as extended a view of the financial position of the Province as possible.—Addressing the Chairman of Committee, Mr Reid said:—

Mr Thomson, Sir, it now devolves on me to make the usual annual statement explanatory of the results of last year's financial operations, and of the proposals for the present year. It becomes our duty on such an occasion as this, carefully to review the past, as it only by comparing the past with the present that we are enabled to determine what our position is, what progress we have made, and to forecast with any degree of accuracy what we are likely to accomplish in the future, and thus avoid the error of forming too sanguine an estimate of our position on the one hand, or taking too desponding a view of our prospects on the other. I am glad to be able to state that in many respects our Provincial receipts contrast favourably with those of former years, affording a gratifying proof of the elasticity and stability of our resources, and, to a certain extent, making my task on this occasion an easier one than it otherwise would be. It will be remembered that when the Estimates of last year were under consideration a large deficiency, amounting to £97,578 18s 9d, had to be provided for; and with a view to reduce that deficiency, and to relieve the Province from the charge of interest thereon, the Council empowered the Government to sell (on exceptional terms) one or more blocks of land. In compliance with the desire of the Council, a sale in one block of 44,005 acres 2 perches has been effected, and it will be gratifying to the Committee to know that in disposing of so large an extent of land for revenue purposes, only a very limited area fitted for agricultural settlement has been alienated.—(Hear, hear.) It is now my pleasing duty to inform the Committee that the liabilities of the Province have been reduced during the year by a sum of £52,929 9d, and this has been effected in the face of a considerable reduction in the sums contributed to the Province from the Consolidated Revenue. In framing any estimates of revenue under the present circumstances of the Colony, the Provincial Treasurer is placed in a very embarrassing position, as it is impossible to determine with any degree of certainty, to what extent his estimates may be realised, or how far the action of the Colonial Legislature may interfere to upset his calculations. With this uncertainty as to our financial position before us, it is worthy of consideration whether it would not be better to hold our annual meetings after the meetings of Assembly.—(Hear, hear.) Such a course would be attended with this advantage, that we should then be in a position to estimate with accuracy the sums which would be receivable from the Consolidated Revenue during the year. I have prepared a statement which shows there has been a gradual reduction in the sums annually contributed to the Province from the Consolidated Revenue—

that whereas we received in 1867-8 the large sum of £81,359 12s 11d, the sum has been gradually reduced, until, during the last year, we received only £13,733 1s 8d. Honourable members will see that the purely Provincial Revenues have, in every instance of importance, been realised, and, in many cases, been exceeded. We find, with the exception of the estimates under the Payments to Provinces Act, which are very much below the amount estimated, that when we come to what may be termed purely Provincial Revenue, the excesses are as follows:—On Crown Lands, £15,927 5s 7d; Gold-fields Revenue, £1,703 1s 9d; Gold Export Duty, £2,107 3s 11d; Tolls on Roads, £1,122 8s 7d. I think these figures afford a gratifying proof that the general prosperity of the Province has not been at a standstill during the past year, but, on the contrary, has been steadily increasing.—(Hear, hear.) I have also had prepared a statement showing the revenue received in 1870-1 and 1871-2. This statement also shows that not only have our receipts during the past year exceeded our Estimates, but that they have exceeded the receipts of the preceding years. The total result, as shown by the statement, is revenue £219,338 16s 3d, a sum realised from deposit account, £3,000,—making a total revenue of £202,308 16s 3d; against a total expenditure of £239,338 7s 6d; leaving a balance of £52,929 9s 9d, which, as I have already explained, has gone to reduce the deficiency of last year. We have now done with the past and its comparisons, and I will proceed to consider our position and prospects in regard to the future. Before proceeding to the consideration of the provisions for the current year, I wish to explain what we propose to do in regard to the local administrative bodies, (Municipal Councils,) which are established in the different centres of population throughout the Province. The Government are of opinion that no fairer plan can be adopted, nor any which is more likely to prove permanent in its operation, than that of securing to each Municipality its own local revenues; in return for which it is not unreasonable to require that they should maintain the main roads within their respective boundaries. The following statement shows approximately the sums which will accrue to each Municipality from these fees, and also the sums expended on main roads in each during the past year:—

	Received 1871-2	Expended on Roads 1871-2	Balance in favour of Municipality
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin	3123 0 0	533 0 0	2590 0 0
Wellsbury	80 0 0	70 0 0	10 0 0
Edinburgh	100 0 0	72 0 0	28 0 0
Oamaru	431 0 0	127 0 0	304 0 0
Balclutha	149 10 0	9 0 0	131 10 0
Lawrence	271 10 0	12 0 0	259 10 0
Liverpool	763 10 0	49 0 0	714 10 0
Riverton	179 0 0	20 0 0	159 0 0
Clyde	235 0 0	30 0 0	205 0 0
Cromwell	230 0 0	20 0 0	210 0 0
Queenstown	265 10 0	30 0 0	235 10 0
Alexandra	250 10 0	25 0 0	225 10 0
Port Chalmers	163 10 0	30 0 0	133 10 0
Milton	233 10 0	43 0 0	188 10 0
	6511 10 0	1071 0 0	5440 10 0

It will be admitted that this is a year of jubilee for the Municipalities. We have here the sum of £5490 10s, which, if our proposals are accepted to, will be returned to those bodies. I now proceed to state the proposed expenditure for the 1872-3, which is as follows:—Superintendent and Executive, £3319; Provincial Council, £3400 4s; Treasury, £1149; Police, £13,229; Harbour Department, £3595; Gaols, £3599; Sheep Inspectors, £1375; Education, £18,838 6s 8d; High School, £3314 2s 3d; Hospitals and Lunatic Asylum, £9317; Collection of Tolls, £1330; Industrial Schools, £1953; Miscellaneous, £1215 16s 8d; Crown Lands and Survey, Gold-fields, Road Department, and General Road Board, £19,531 0s 4d; Railways, £5304 12s; Loans, £3,315 5s; Steam Service, £2125; Home Agency, £1500; Immigration, £6100; Grants in Aid and Miscellaneous, £25,742 14s 1d; Payments to General Government, £23,000; Refund of License Fees to Municipalities, £7000; Road Boards, Roads, Works and Buildings, Railways, Bridges, Jetties, and Harbours, £76,785. The expenditure for the year, then, will be £281,332 11s 9d; on works for which payments will be made in hand, £33,755; making a total of £315,087 11s 9d. I shall now proceed to give the details of the estimated revenue of the current year, and compare these with the estimates and receipts of last year. We estimate Crown Lands at £70,000—the estimate last year being £80,000, and the receipts £95,927 5s 7d; Assessment on Stock, £57,000—the estimate last year being £68,000, and the receipts, £56,831 15s 4d. We estimate the Gold-fields revenue at £21,000—the estimate last year was £18,000, and the receipts £13,703 1s 9d. We estimate the Gold Export Duty at £22,000—last year's estimate was £20,000, and the receipts £22,107 3s 11d; Harbour and Tonnage Dues, £2,500—last year estimated at £2,700, and the receipts were £2,421 5s 3d. Tolls on roads we estimate at £12,500; estimate last year being £11,000, and the receipts £12,122 8s 7d. We estimate Dog and Goat tax at £2000; estimate last year at £3,300, and realised £2,793 7s 6d. Under the head of Licenses, we estimate to receive this year £16,000; last year's estimate was £15,000, and the receipts £15,254 15s 8d. Under the head of School Fees, Rents, &c., we estimate to receive £12,500; the estimate last year was £4,000, the receipts being £11,886 7s 6d. I need not trouble the Committee by referring to the other items. I may state, however, with reference to the Estimate for Railways, we have estimated this year to receive £3,000. Last

year the estimate was £12,000, and the receipts £6,656 8s 4d. We think this sum will be fully realised during the current year. Under the head of Sales of Reclaimed Land, we estimate our receipts at £10,000. Last year the estimate was £3,000, and the receipts £829 16s 10d. Under the head of Jetty Dues, we estimate to receive £3000, the same as last year, the receipts being £3047 11s 1d. Thus we have an estimated revenue of £267,800, and a proposed expenditure of £281,332 11s 9d. Although it is quite evident we cannot expend £281,000 from a revenue of £267,000, I may be permitted to explain that is impossible during any one year to fully expend the votes placed on the Estimates. Moreover, we do not know what action may be taken by the General Assembly when it meets. It is possible that some little assistance may be still be rendered to the Province. In regard to the estimate of £70,000 from Crown Lands, I may state that we propose to ask the Council to agree to a resolution to open for sale, at 10s. per acre, the unsold lands in Hundreds which have been in the market for seven years. Unfortunately, it is not in the power of the Government to meet all the claims for consideration in the matter of public works,—many of them just and long-neglected,—which are made on it; but I think it will be recognised and conceded that in the proposals which have been submitted to the Committee, an earnest desire is evinced to mete out equal justice to all parts of the Province, in so far as this can be accomplished with the means at our disposal. I think I may claim for the Government the initiation of a decentralising policy, not only of expenditure, but also of revenue. We have often heard of such a policy, but it has remained to this Government to place it before the Council. It rests with honourable members now to declare by their votes whether they are prepared to give it effect. In taking all the circumstances into consideration, I think honourable members will agree in the opinion that the Statement I have made is as satisfactory as could have been expected, when we consider the large drain on our resources to provide for the permanent charges of the Colony. When we reflect that this Province, with a population of some 39,000 souls, contributes a sum of £93,500 as interest and sinking fund on Colonial loans, and a further sum of £84,332 5s on Provincial loans, making a total of £177,832 5s annually extracted from the Province,—equal to £2 10s 9d per head of the population; when we reflect that this large sum is absorbed in paying the burdens on past expenditure; and when we remember that in addition to this we contribute a large sum to the General Government expenditure,—it appears to me that the cause for wonder is, not that we have so little, but that so much can be made available for our local requirements."

The honourable member resumed his seat amid loud applause.

**Amateur Reporting.**

An amateur reporter sent the following to the *Thames Advertiser*. Not being able to unravel such a tangled skein, the editor submits it to his readers as received:—

"In consequence of the very heavy rain yesterday, we are sorry to hear of a rather extraordinary, but serious accident which befel Mr Albert Smith, for while going across the street to get into a cab for which he had been waiting, for the driver being wet through had met with an accident by which a wheel came off, on account of a drunken Maori who would insist that gold was being obtained at Ohinemuri, and as he was about to reply the driver cracked his whip—and the mud is very bad in that part of the street, having caused a man not long ago to lose one of his boots, which comes very hard on his shoemaker, who being a poor man with a large family; and his wife, a worthy soul, had lately lost her eldest son through his taking cold, a course which cannot be too strongly deprecated. The doctor, an extremely old man, gave it as his opinion, which is worth something considering his experience. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and the steady downpour of the rain, during which thunder and lightning were plainly visible, Mr Symons did all one man could do, and we are glad to say was very successful, and was much applauded by those present. We think it is really time something should be done to prevent the recurrence of such a thing in future."

Destructive earthquakes have occurred in California. Many people have been killed and injured.

The total contributions from the United Kingdom, in aid of the Chicago Relief Fund, amounted to £162,000.

Demonstrations in favour of a general amnesty being granted to the Fenian prisoners, have been held in various parts of Ireland.

Scrofula, or King's Evil, curable by the use of *Holloway's Ointment and Pills*.—Persons afflicted with this dreadful disease cannot make use of any remedy so efficacious, soothing, and healing, as these incomparable medicines. The cures that are constantly performed by them throughout the world in cases of scrofula, scurvy, leprosy, ringworm, scald head, and every variety of skin diseases, are truly astonishing. Cancers, bad breasts, tumours, and obstinate wounds speedily yield to the united powers of *Holloway's Ointment and Pills*; therefore, let no case, however desperate, be despaired of, for these sovereign remedies have been pre-eminent in curing many after the most skillful medical science had failed.

PROVINCIAL AND COLONIAL.

Miss Aitken, the famous elocutionist, is in Auckland.

Westport is being greatly encroached upon by the sea.

Labour is reported to be very scarce in the Coromandel district.

Land in the city of Christchurch recently realised at the rate of £16,800 an acre.

In four weeks, a Southland cutter captured 10,000 mutton-birds, which sell at 4d. each.

The yield of the Caledonian quartz mine at the Thames, for the week ending May 4, was 950 ounces.

A report is current in Auckland that Mr T. B. Gillies, the Superintendent, is to be offered a Judgeship.

Westport is said to be "choked" with machinery and stores awaiting shipment up the Buller to Reefton.

200 cattle are said to have died from tutu on one particular hill in the Maitara district within the last five years.

The miners at Ross have requested the Government to grant Messrs Brogden's application for the Mikonui water.

The Superintendent of Canterbury and his Executive are at "loggerheads"; and a dissolution of the Council is urged.

Invercargill, according to the *Times*, "can now boast of an accomplished burglar, as an additional variety of local talent."

The amount annually expended in Auckland on "drinks" is, according to a correspondent of a local paper, £95,000.

The ringleader of a gang of smugglers, who carried on their operations in the Poverty Bay district, was lately fined £100.

Mr J. W. Walker, who is a mining manager at the Thames, offers to fire any man in the Colony for from £250 to £2500.

In Wanganui, a man named Peter McMillan has been committed for trial on a charge of rape upon his stepdaughter, aged seven.

The Auckland Government are to pay 10s. a week each for the keep of the nine prisoners who were lately transferred to Dunedin gaol.

From the 14th February to the 10th May, at the Immigration office in Dunedin, applications were made for passage for 107 persons.

The Wanganui people are reported to be in a "pleasant little flutter of anticipation" over the discovery of some quartz near that place.

Mr Vogel has been presented by the United States Government with a series of magnificent engravings representing scenes in America.

The steamer which brought the nine prisoners from Auckland to Otago required extra insurance on account of the number of desperate criminals on board.

The Otago Meat Preserving Co., at Green Island, is likely to close shortly for the season, the prices asked for stock being now so high that no margin is left for profit.

An insane individual got through the window of a private house in Christchurch in the middle of the day recently, and, among other vagaries, kicked a hole in the pianoforte.

A late native meeting at Putiki, near Wanganui, is said to have cost £2500. The feast is said to have been "the most sumptuous affair the natives themselves had ever seen."

A Thames paper is informed, on very good authority, that there are two natives, a man and woman, at present in Ohinemuri, who measure about 6ft. 8in. and (ft. 10in. respectively.

A great scarcity of blasting powder has been experienced at the Thames recently. Many men were thrown out of work in consequence, and in some of the claims gunpowder was used.

Owing to the absence of the other members of the Ministry from Wellington, Mr Gisborne, the *Wellington Telegraph* says, has had nothing but "one dem'd horrid grind" ever since he joined.

An exodus of small capitalists from this Province to America is said to be taking place. Ten left Tokomairiro in one day recently, and it is said others are to follow. Several have also left Oamaru.

The man in the Cassin's claim, at Ross, recently struck against the ten hour system. The effigy of the manager of the Morning Star claim, at the same place, was burnt the other day by the miners, owing to a reduction of wages.

A correspondent, writing to the *Daily Times*, says there are tens of thousands of acres in Southland on which black pine probably forms one-third of the timber; and asks,—Why then send to Australia or anywhere else for durable timber?

Colonel Brett, in the Canterbury Provincial Council recently, said that out of the 700 volunteers in the Colony, not 50 would come to the front if occasion demanded. He said, "Would the married man risk his life for nothing? He would not. He would skeddadle with his goods and chattels to the bush."

At a recent meeting of members of the medical profession in Auckland, "two major crises were adduced for the high death rate amongst children: the liberal use of soothing powders, which really had a 'soothing' effect; and the great amount of artificial feeding of children which existed. Steadman's soothing powders were said to contain a large percentage of calomel."

A reporter on the *Coromandel Mail* had a bootless errand the other day. A rumoured find of gold sent him off on a four hours' journey, through swollen creeks and a downpour of rain, in search of the latest information. His only discovery was that he was "sold": an inquisitive old gentleman had met a mining party with stores, who hoaxed him into the belief that one of their bags contained rich specimens,—news which he industriously circulated.

